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# 6 dead, 24 wounded in shooting at Chicago-area July 4 parade

By **MICHAEL TARM, KATHLEEN FOODY and ROGER SCHNEIDER**

**Associated Press**

**HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. (AP)**

— A gunman on a rooftop opened fire on an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago on Monday, killing at least six people, wounding 24 and sending hundreds of marchers, parents with strollers and children on bicycles fleeing in terror, police said. The suspect remained on the loose hours later as authorities scoured the area.

Highland Park Police Commander Chris O'Neill, the incident commander on scene, urged people to shelter in place as authorities search for the suspect. He said Monday afternoon that a "very active apprehension effort" was underway.

The July 4 shooting was just the latest to shatter the rituals of American life. Schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together.

Mayor Nancy Rotering said the violence "has shaken us to our core," adding, "On a day that we came together to celebrate community and freedom, we are instead mourning the tragic loss of life and struggling with the terror that was brought upon us."

The shooting occurred at a spot on the parade route where many residents had staked out prime viewing points early in the day for the annual celebration. Dozens of fired bullets sent hundreds of parade-goers — some visibly bloodied — fleeing. They left a trail of abandoned items that showed everyday life suddenly, violently disrupted: A half-eaten bag of potato chips; a box of chocolate cookies spilled onto the grass; a child's Chicago Cubs cap.

"There's no safe place," said Highland Park resident Bar-



**A Lake County police officer walks down Central Ave in Highland Park, Ill. on Monday, July 4, 2022, after a shooter fired on the northern suburb's Fourth of July parade.**

**Associated Press**

bara Harte, 73, who had stayed away from the parade fearing a mass shooting, but later ventured from her home.

Lake County Major Crime Task Force spokesman Christopher Covelli said at a news conference "several of the deceased victims" died at the scene and one was taken to a hospital and died there. Police have not released details about the victims or wounded.

Lake County Coroner Jennifer Banek said the five people killed at the parade were adults and she doesn't have information on the sixth victim who was taken to a hospital and died there.

The shooter opened fire around 10:15 a.m., when the parade was about three-quarters through, authorities said.

Covelli said the gunman apparently used a "high-powered rifle" to fire from a spot atop a commercial building where he was "very difficult to see." He said the rifle was recovered at the scene. Police also found a ladder attached to the building.

"Very random, very intentional and a very sad day," Covelli said.

President Joe Biden on Monday said he and first lady Jill Biden were "shocked by the senseless gun violence that has yet

again brought grief to an American community on this Independence Day." He said he had "surged Federal law enforcement to assist in the urgent search for the shooter, who remains at large at this time."

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were conducting an urgent trace of the rifle, agency spokesperson April Langwell said. Federal agents conduct such traces to identify when, where and to whom the gun was last sold.

Biden signed the widest-ranging gun violence bill passed by Congress in decades, a compromise that showed at once both progress on a long-intractable issue and the deep-seated partisan divide that persists. Police believe there was only one shooter but warned that he should still be considered armed and dangerous. Several nearby cities canceled events including parades and fireworks, some of them noting that the Highland Park shooter was still at large. Evanston, Deerfield, Skokie, Waukegan and Glencoe canceled events. The Chicago White Sox also announced on Twitter that a planned post-game fireworks show is canceled due to the shooting.

"You have a tragic mass act of violence that was

random here today at a community event where people were gathered to celebrate, and the offender has not been apprehended thus far," Covelli, the crime task force spokesman, said. "So, could this happen again? We don't know what his intentions are at this point, so certainly we're not sure of that."

More than 100 law enforcement officers were called to the parade scene or dispatched to find the suspected shooter.

Hours after the shooting, law enforcement officers searched an office building near where the shooting occurred. Nearby, armed FBI agents in camouflage had also escorted a family with two small girls across Central Avenue. The children looked visibly frightened even as their mother attempted to reassure them that the agents leading and flanking them would protect them.

"Don't worry, you're safe now," she told them. "These guys will protect you."

Ominous signs of a joyous event suddenly turned to horror filled both sides of Central Avenue where the shooting occurred. Dozens of baby strollers — some bearing American flags, abandoned children's bikes and a helmet bedecked with images of

Cinderella were left behind. Blankets, lawn chairs, coffees and water bottles were knocked over as people fled.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in a statement: "There are no words for the kind of monster who lies in wait and fires into a crowd of families with children celebrating a holiday with their community."

Gina Troiani and her son were lined up with his daycare class ready to walk onto the parade route when she heard a loud sound that she believed was fireworks — until she heard people yell about a shooter. In a video that Troiani shot on her phone, some of the kids are visibly startled at the loud noise, and they scramble to the side of the road as a siren wails nearby.

"We just start running in the opposite direction," she told The Associated Press. Her 5-year-old son was riding his bike decorated with red and blue curled ribbons. He and other children in the group held small American flags. The city said on its website that the festivities were to include a children's bike and pet parade.

Troiani said she pushed her son's bike, running through the neighborhood to get back to their car.

"It was just sort of chaos," she said. "There were people that got separated from their families, looking for them. Others just dropped their wagons, grabbed their kids and started running."

Debbie Glickman, a Highland Park resident, said she was on a parade float with coworkers and the group was preparing to turn onto the main route when she saw people running from the area.

"People started saying: 'There's a shooter, there's a shooter, there's a shooter,'" Glickman told the AP. "So we just ran. We just ran. It's like mass chaos down there." She didn't hear any noises or see anyone who appeared to be injured.

"I'm so freaked out," she said. "It's just so sad." □



# It's a new era for funding on both sides of abortion debate

By **GLENN GAMBOA**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade* has ushered in a new era of funding on both sides of the abortion debate.

With the legality of abortion now up to individual states to determine, an issue long debated by legislators and philanthropists — when it was largely theoretical because only the Supreme Court could change it — suddenly has real-world ramifications for people across the country. And donors on both sides will now be expected to put money behind their words.

"I think we will see funding that's going to be a lot less performative and a lot more realistic," said Leslie Lenkowsky, a professor emeritus in public affairs and philanthropic studies at Indiana University. Those kind of gifts are already starting to arrive. Donations are pouring in to nonprofit groups in what experts call an example of "rage giving." Yet few believe the additional funding for their causes will be enough to address the increased demand for help either for women to obtain abortions or to support ba-



**Abortion rights activists gather for a protest following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, at Washington Square Park, Friday, June 24, 2022, in New York.**

Associated Press

bies put up for adoption or into the foster care system. At The Brigid Alliance, a New York nonprofit that provides funding and logistical help for people seeking abortions, the number of donors more than doubled to 6,000-plus after the leak in May of a draft of the Supreme Court ruling, according to Sarah Moeller, the group's director of resource development. Once *Roe* was overturned last month, their number

of donors doubled again within three days, with people contributing anywhere from \$5 to \$50,000. Even so, Moeller said, the donations can't begin to match the need.

"Since September, when Texas implemented their six-week ban, we saw a 900% increase in requests for our services," she said. "We expect that we'll continue to see surging rates as the dominoes fall after this ruling."

The Brigid Alliance helps about 125 people a month with abortion logistics and expenses — about \$1,200 per person. Most requests come from women in the South, Moeller said, and inflation has increased many of the costs.

"I think it's going to be impossible for every individual who needs abortion care to be able to get to their appointments," Moeller said. "We're doing everything that we can to grow

in order to meet increasing demand. And every single person who is able to help makes a huge difference. But the volume is just incalculable at this point."

At Americans United for Life, which provides anti-abortion policy expertise to legislators around the country, donations are coming in heavy numbers from Americans of all ages and backgrounds, said Tom Shakely, the group's chief engagement officer. Even so, he said, the group remains "a multimillion-dollar David to abortion's multibillion-dollar Goliath."

"The end of *Roe v. Wade* unfortunately does not mean the end of Planned Parenthood or the end of abortion," Shakely said. "Abortion will tragically continue to be a multibillion-dollar business in America until we clarify that abortion is incompatible with constitutional justice."

Brandi Collins-Calhoun, a manager at the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, said she hopes donors will regard the next stage in the abortion debate as a reason to redouble contributions to what she sees as reproductive justice. □

# Flight cancellations ease slightly as July 4 weekend ends

By **DAVID KOENIG**

**AP Airlines Writer**

**DALLAS (AP)** — Travelers flying home from July Fourth getaways faced flight delays Monday, but airlines were canceling fewer flights than in the days leading up to the holiday weekend.

Airlines had canceled more than 2,200 U.S. flights, and another 23,000 were delayed, since holiday weekend travel picked up on Thursday. Airports were packed.

More than 9 million flyers flocked to U.S. airports between Thursday and Sunday, peaking at 2.49 million, a pandemic-era record, on Friday, according to figures from the Transportation Security Administration.

By early Monday afternoon on the East Coast, more

than 1,300 U.S. flights had been delayed and nearly 200 canceled, according to FlightAware.

The good news: Those numbers were down sharply from recent days.

Flying during the peak vacation season has always been challenging. Big crowds and summer thunderstorms can quickly overwhelm an airline's operations. That has been compounded this summer by shortages of pilots and other workers.

"It's not just in North America, it's everywhere," said John Grant, an analyst for OAG, a travel-date provider based in the United Kingdom. "It's a combination of available resources and demand picking up much more quickly than anyone anticipated."

Grant said labor shortages in Europe and North America have affected airlines, their suppliers including caterers and aircraft fuelers, airports and air traffic controllers. He sees no reason to think the situation will improve anytime this summer. In the U.S., the rate of cancellations over the last two weeks is up 59% from the same period in 2019, before the pandemic, likely due to a combination of weather, staffing shortages and air-traffic issues.

However, the rate of delayed flights is only slightly worse than it was in the last summer before the pandemic — 19.7% then, 21.5% now, according to FlightAware numbers.

While some of the disruption was due to bad weather, especially along



**Travelers check their flights at Miami International Airport, Saturday, July 2, 2022, in Miami.**

Associated Press

the East Coast for part of the weekend, airlines also made unforced errors. American Airlines accidentally dropped pilot assignments for thousands of flights in July because of a glitch in its scheduling pro-

gram. A spokesman for the airline said Monday that the problem had been fixed and crew assignments had been restored for "the vast majority" of flights. He said the issue had no effect on July Fourth travel. □



# Virginia law stops early inmate releases, angering families

**Associated Press**

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** —

Christopher Ford was a baby when his father was sentenced to 28 years in prison for participating in a murder-for-hire scheme that led to the killings of two people at a car dealership. After serving 25 years, prison officials told Robert Glenn Ford he would be released in July under a 2020 Virginia law that allowed inmates to shave more time off their sentences for good behavior, his son said.

But just before he was expecting to go home, Virginia lawmakers approved a budget amendment from Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin that excluded Ford and thousands of other inmates with violent offenses from receiving the expanded earned sentence credits, meaning they would have to serve more time.

"Using this back-door method days before they were supposed to get out was, to me, hugely wrong," Christopher Ford said in an interview.

As lawmakers debated the amendment, they discussed the approximately 560 inmates who, like Robert Ford, were set to be released in the first 60 days of the program. But the impact is far larger. A spokesman for the Department of Corrections confirmed that about 8,000 inmates will now be ineligible for the ex-



Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin gestures as he speaks to Chari Baker, who confronted him at a restaurant, Wednesday June 22, 2022, in Woodbridge, Va.

**Associated Press**

panded credits.

Relatives and other advocates for the affected inmates said the reversal cruelly upended reunion and homecoming plans, devastating families and the inmates themselves.

Republicans, who were joined by a few Senate Democrats in approving the amendment, made the case that offenders who were convicted of violent crimes shouldn't get a shot at reducing their time behind bars.

The law, passed in 2020 when Democrats were in full control of state government, created a tiered system that allowed inmates

with good behavior and participation in rehabilitation programs to earn expanded credits for up to 15 days per month to be taken off their sentences for nonviolent offenses. Before the law was approved, inmates could earn up to 4.5 days per month. Very few inmates qualify for parole in Virginia.

The 2020 law had a delayed effective date of July 1, 2022, so prison officials would have time to calculate new release dates. And the change in credits applied retroactively, meaning the Department of Corrections was preparing for an initial surge of re-

leases when it took effect. Under the 2020 law, violent offenses were not eligible for the expanded credit. But if inmates had a combined sentence with both a violent conviction and a lower-tier one, they could potentially shave some time off the sentence they were given for the nonviolent offense.

Multiple attempts to repeal the law failed, but the last-minute budget amendment from Youngkin was approved by the General Assembly on June 17. He signed the budget bill days later.

During a debate in the state Senate over the amend-

ment, Republicans suggested the law went further than initially intended in allowing inmates with violent convictions to reduce any portion of their sentence, even for the separate, lesser convictions.

"Because of the way this was drafted, this is a loophole we should close," said Republican Sen. Mark Obenshain. He read from a list of the most serious offenses committed by the inmates among the first batch of early releases, and insisted that some of those people would go on to offend again.

"We're going to hear about it when one of these 41 rapists commits another rape," he said.

Democratic Sen. Joe Morrissey said everyone knew how the changes would work when the law was passed and accused Republicans of playing politics with the issue.

"I know what's coming in November and October, that Democrats let all these people out of prison. It's a great soundbite and a great commercial, but that's not what we're doing," he said.

Youngkin also characterized the amendment as a simple fix when a group of women with affected relatives confronted him last week at a campaign-style event in Woodbridge, where he was touting the recently signed budget. □



In this photo provided by Burning Spear Media, LLC, a damaged Pan-African flag flies outside the headquarters of the Uhuru Movement, a Black international socialist group based in St. Petersburg, Fla., Saturday, July 2, 2022.

**Associated Press**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — A person using a flame-

## Flamethrower used to torch Pan-African flag flying on pole

thrower set fire Saturday to a Pan-African flag flying on a pole outside the headquarters of the Uhuru Movement, a Black international socialist group based in Florida.

Security video released by the group shows the driver of a white Honda sedan pulling up outside the group's St. Petersburg headquarters, removing a flamethrower from the trunk and shooting a tower of fire at the flag flying about 30 feet (9 meters) above the ground. The group says the

man stopped when a worker inside the building yelled at him. The video shows him putting the flamethrower back in the trunk and then driving away. A photo supplied by the group shows the flag with a large hole. St. Petersburg police said they are investigating the fire and are working to identify a suspect.

The Uhuru Movement is part of the African People's Socialist Party, which says it is "uniting African people as one people for liberation, social justice, self-reliance

and economic development."

Akile Anai, the group's director of agitation and propaganda, said the attack is in the same vein as the May killing of 10 Black people at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket. Police say the arrested suspect in the Buffalo massacre is a white nationalist.

Anai said such attacks are caused by the decline of a "social system and facade of normalcy based on oppression, colonialism and exploitation." □



# U.S. Navy offers cash for tips to seize Mideast drugs, weapons

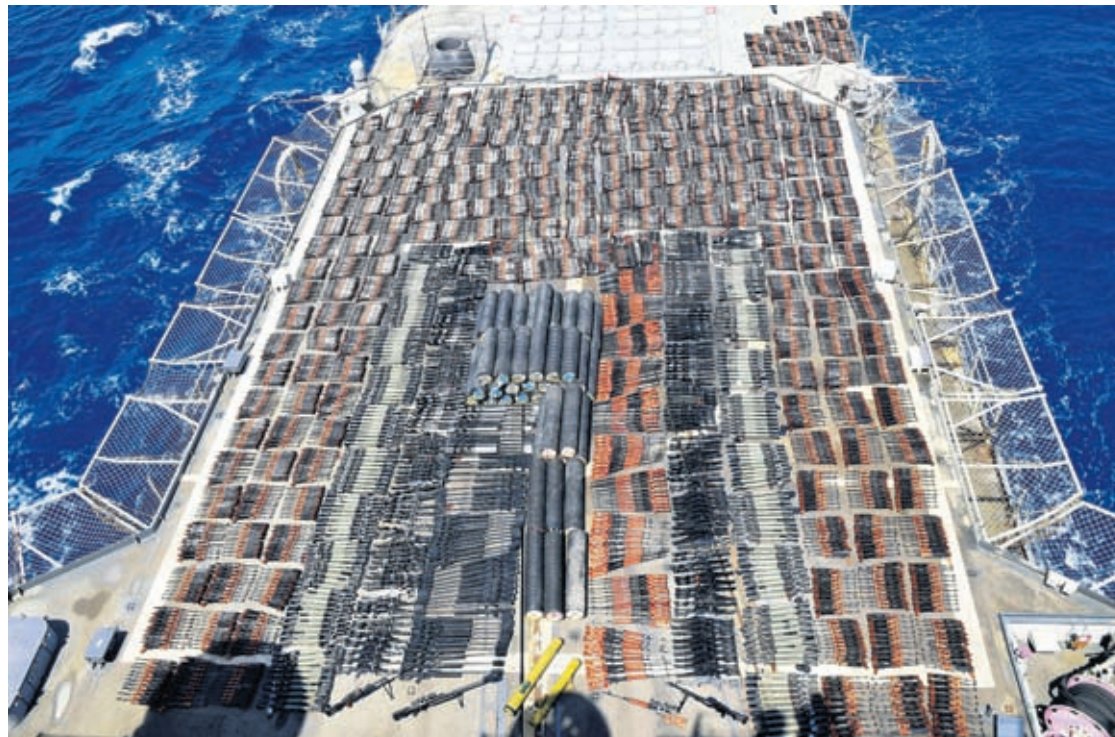
**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — The U.S. Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet is starting to offer rewards for information that could help sailors intercept weapons, drugs and other illicit shipments across the region amid tensions over Iran's nuclear program and Tehran's arming of Yemen's Houthi rebels.

While avoiding directly mentioning Iran, the 5th Fleet's decision to offer cash and other goods for actionable intelligence in the Persian Gulf and other strategic waterways may increase pressure on the flow of weapons to the Houthis as a shaky cease-fire still holds in Yemen.

Already, the Houthis have threatened a new allied task force organized by the 5th Fleet in the Red Sea, though there's been no attack by the Iranian-backed forces on the Navy in the time since.

Meanwhile, the 5th Fleet says it and its partners seized \$500 million in drugs alone in 2021 more than the four prior years combined. The 5th Fleet also intercepted 9,000 weapons in the same period, three times the number seized in 2020.

"Any destabilizing activity has our attention," Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins, a 5th Fleet spokesman, told The



**Weapons that the U.S. Navy described as coming from a hidden arms shipment aboard a stateless dhow are seen aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Monterey, May 8, 2021.**

**Associated Press**

Associated Press. "Definitely we have seen in the last year skyrocketing success in seizing both illegal narcotics and illicit weapons. This represents another step in our effort to enhance regional maritime security."

The 5th Fleet's new initiative launches on Tuesday through the Department of Defense Rewards Program, which saw troops offer cash and goods for tips on the battlefields in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere after al-Qaida launched the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Since ground fighting has largely

halted across the region, the 5th Fleet decided to try to use the program as it patrols the waterways of the Middle East.

Hawkins said operators fluent in Arabic, English and Farsi would man a hotline, while the Navy also would take tips additionally online, in Dari and Pashto. Payouts can be as high as \$100,000 or the equivalent in vehicles, boats or food for tips that also include information on planned attacks targeting Americans, Hawkins said.

It's unclear if the 5th Fleet's

uptick in seizures represents a return to shipping after the coronavirus pandemic or an increase overall in the number of illicit shipments in the region. Traffickers typically use stateless dhows, traditional wooden sailing craft common in the Mideast, to transport drugs and weapons.

One destination for weapons appears to be Yemen. The Houthis seized Yemen's capital, Sanaa, in September 2014 and forced the internationally recognized government into exile. A Saudi-led coalition armed

with U.S. weaponry and intelligence entered the war on the side of Yemen's exiled government in March 2015. Years of inconclusive fighting has pushed the Arab world's poorest nation to the brink of famine. A truce that began around the holy Muslim month of Ramadan appears for now to still be holding.

Despite a United Nations Security Council arms embargo on Yemen, Iran long has been transferring rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, missiles and other weaponry to the Houthis. Though Iran denies arming the Houthis, independent experts, Western nations and U.N. experts have traced components back to Iran.

Asked about whether new seizures could increase tensions with Iran, Hawkins listed the weapons and drugs the Navy hoped to intercept under the program.

"That's what we're after," the commander said. "That's not in the interest of regional stability and security." Iran's mission to the United Nations did not respond to a request for comment. The U.S. Navy and Iran continue to have tense encounters in the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a fifth of all oil traded passes. □

# Tensions persist as Rwanda denies Congo rebel charges

**By IGNATIUS SSUUNA**

**Associated Press**

**KIGALI, Rwanda (AP)** — Rwandan President Paul Kagame on Monday accused Congo of supporting rebels opposed to his government, escalating tensions with a neighbor who in turn accuses Rwanda of supporting violent rebels who recently captured a town in eastern Congo.

Kagame said in a televised address that his country is concerned by alleged Congolese support for the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda, or FDLR, a Congo-based rebel group that includes fighters accused of taking part in the 1994 genocide.

Relations between Rwanda and Congo have frayed in recent weeks after the M23 rebel group last month took the Congolese town of Bunagana at the Uganda border and Congolese authorities charged that Rwandan troops had invaded Congo.

Rwanda has long denied supporting M23, disputing the accounts of conflict observers, U.N. experts and others. M23 is made up mostly of ethnic Tutsi fighters from Congo who say their government hasn't honored past commitments to reintegrate them into the national army.

Congolese authorities deny allegations they support

the FDLR.

But Kagame charged Monday that Congo is actively arming the FDLR, whose fighters are accused of killing dozens in a 2019 attack in the northern Rwandan town of Kinigi, a tourist area. "It's on record and with facts. (Congo) is supporting FDLR, and unfortunately with the knowledge of MONUSCO," he said, referring to U.N. peacekeepers on the ground.

It wasn't immediately possible to get a comment from MONUSCO.

Kagame accused Congo of trying to involve Rwanda in "their internal issues," and wondered how long his government will resist such



**Armed militiamen gather near Rutshuru, 70 kms (45 miles) north of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Wednesday June 22, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

provocation. He spoke of the rights of Congolese Kinyarwanda speakers living in eastern Congo, saying

Congolese authorities have a obligation to address the grievances of the M23 rebels. □



# Dutch farmers block entrances to supermarket warehouses

By **PETER DEJONG**  
Associated Press  
**ZAANDAM, Netherlands**  
(AP) — Dutch farmers angry at government plans to slash emissions used tractors and trucks Monday to block roads and supermarket distribution centers, sparking fears of store food shortages in the latest actions through a summer of discontent in the country's lucrative agricultural sector.

The Netherlands' busiest aviation hub, Schiphol Airport, urged travelers to use public transport to get to its terminals amid fears that the blockades also would target airports. Fishermen acting out of solidarity with farmers also blocked a number of harbors.

The unrest among Dutch farmers was triggered by a government proposal to slash emissions of pollutants like nitrogen oxide and ammonia by 50% by 2030. Provincial governments have been given a year to formulate plans to achieve the goal.

A group of farmers in the province of North Holland held talks with two senior officials in the city of Haarlem.

Dozens more parked their tractors on a bridge over a canal, forcing freight barges to moor up on either side because the bridge could not open to let them pass.



**A man passes a tractor with a sign reading "Think What You Want to Eat Without Farmers" at a blockade outside a distribution center for supermarket chain Aldi in the town of Drachten, northern Netherlands, Monday, July 4, 2022.**

"Their concerns are understood and have our absolute attention. Good to be and stay in conversation with each other," tweeted one of the officials, Arthur van Dijk.

The reforms are expected to include reducing livestock and buying up some farms whose animals produce large amounts of ammonia. Farmers argue they are being unfairly targeted and are being given no perspective for their future. Police looked on but did not immediately take action Monday as some 25 tractors parked outside a

distribution center for supermarket chain Albert Heijn in the town of Zaandam, just north of Amsterdam. Placards and banners affixed to the tractors read messages including, "Our farmers, our future."

A tractor at another protest, in the northern town of Drachten, urged people to "think for a moment about what you want to eat with-

out farmers."

The umbrella organization for supermarkets called on police to take action and warned of possible shortages on supermarket shelves. "Blockades of distribution centers hurt the citizens of the Netherlands."

Supermarkets do everything they can to keep the stores stocked, but if blockades continue, it could lead to people not being able to do their daily shopping," the Central Bureau for Food Trade said in a statement.

Traffic authorities warned motorists to prepare for delays and possible slow-moving tractors on the nation's highways, but said that there were few problems early Monday for commuters, possibly because many people opted to work from home rather than get stuck in traffic.

Over the weekend, the government appointed an intermediary to lead talks between farmers' organizations and officials drawing up pollution reduction measures. However, Prime Minister Mark Rutte has ruled out negotiating with farmers responsible for radical protests. □

# With no fuel and no cash, Sri Lanka keeps schools closed



**People wait to buy fuel at a fuel station in Colombo, Sri Lanka, June 27, 2022.**

By **BHARATHA MALLA-WARACHI**

Associated Press  
**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka** (AP) — Cash-strapped Sri Lanka on Sunday extended school closures for one week because there isn't enough fuel for teachers

and parents to get children to classrooms, and the energy minister appealed to the country's expatriates to send money home through banks to finance new oil purchases.

A huge foreign debt has left the Indian Ocean is-

land with none of the suppliers willing to sell fuel on credit. The available stocks, sufficient for only several days, will be provided for essential services, including health and port workers, public transport and food distribution, officials said.

"Finding money is a challenge. It's a huge challenge," Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera told reporters.

He said the government has ordered new fuel stocks and the first ship with 40,000 metric tons of diesel is expected to arrive on Friday while the first ship carrying gasoline would come on July 22.

Several other fuel shipments are in the pipeline. But he said authorities are struggling to find \$587 million to pay for the fuel. Wijesekera said that Sri Lanka

owed about \$800 million to seven fuel suppliers.

Last month, schools were closed nationwide for a day due to fuel shortages and had remained closed for the last two weeks in urban areas. Schools will remain shut until Friday.

Authorities also announced countrywide power cuts of up to three hours a day from Monday because they can't supply enough fuel to power generating stations. Sweeping power cuts have been a blight on Sri Lanka's economy for months, along with severe shortages of essentials including cooking gas, medicine and food imports.

Wijesekera said the main problem is the lack of dollars and appealed to some 2 million Sri Lankans working abroad to send their foreign exchange earnings

home through banks instead of informal channels. He said workers' remittances, which usually stood at \$600 million per month, had declined to \$318 million in June.

According to the Central Bank, the remittances the nation's main foreign exchange earner dropped from \$2.8 billion in the first six months of 2021 to \$1.3 billion in the same period this year for a decline of 53%.

The drop came after the government last year ordered the mandatory conversion of foreign currency. It said that black-market premiums have led people to hoard foreign currency. Sri Lanka's has been getting most of its fuel needs from neighboring India, which provided it with a credit line. □



## Minister of Nature, Ursell Arends meets with Stimson Center

### *Stimson Center conducted the study 'Climate and Ocean Risk Vulnerability'*

Recently, while attending the Ocean Conference 2022, minister of Nature of Aruba, Mr. Ursell Arends held a meeting with representatives of Stimson Center, who are responsible to conduct the CORVI (Climate and Ocean Risk Vulnerability Index) study.

CORVI is a very important tool that is used to make

important decisions to make investments with climatic impact. It's goal is to improve the safety of cities which are located by the coast, as well as islands, and it helps to indicate how to evaluate the consequences and vulnerability on our environment, finances and social situation.

According to a press release by the ministry of Nature, this was a fruitful meeting, directly related to one of the points brought forward by minister Arends during the conference, namely the target of introducing a 'National Climate Resilience Council' on Aruba, which will be tasked with executing these important tasks.



## Economic Recovery Commission begins its work

### Minister of Economic Affairs with initiative to introduce fiscal and economic incentive



Minister of Economic Affairs, Communication and Sustainable Development, Mr. Geoffrey Wever established the Economic Recovery Commission (Commissie Economisch Herstel), which held its first meeting. The objective of this commission is to brainstorm on concrete ideas of fiscal and economic incentive in order to stimulate new inversion and stimulate economic growth for Aruba.

"(Department of Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry) DE-ZHI prepared a document with various ideas on how to stimulate economy and to receive input from the commercial sector who knows our economy and the way our business community operates, established the Economic Recovery Commission, so that together we can produce an incentive package that can count with approval and participation from the entire commercial sector. I invited to participate in the Economic Recovery Commission: 5 tax specialists, a lawyer, and accountant, Freezone Aruba NV, ATIA (Aruba Trade and Industry Association), AHATA (Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association), KvK (Chamber of Commerce), CUA (United Merchants Aruba) and SNBA (San Nicolas Business Association). I will also be participating in every meeting of this commission, together with representatives from the Department of Economic Affairs", minister Wever declared.

The goal is to stimulate not only foreign direct investment, but also local investment. Minister Wever is glad that the first session was very productive, and he expects a few weeks of exchange to come, showing also the commitment of all the trade unions and other stakeholders, to work together with the Government of Aruba on the economic recovery of the country.

Aruba's economy is recovering in a stable way, according to the economic outlook from the Department of Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry, which expects that by the end of 2022, Aruba's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will be 96.5% nominal, namely Afl. 5.904 million, compared with 2019 when it was Afl. 6.118 million. According to the economic outlook from the Department of Economic Affairs, Commerce and Industry, it is expected that Aruba's GDP in 2023 will be 99.7% nominal, namely Afl. 6.101 million, compared to 2019 when it was Afl. 6.118 million. At the same time, there are alarming signs that can affect these numbers for Aruba. External situations, like logistic setbacks, pressure on price of provisions, and developments in the world oil sector will have inflation as a result. For this reason, minister Wever established the Economic Recovery Commission to try and create a way to stimulate more investment and economic growth.







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**ORANJESTAD – The National Library Aruba (BNA) announced its summer vacation activities for children.**

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The National Library (BNA) will show various children's movies during the summer vacation. These movies are presented outdoors and are free of charge.

### The movie schedule for Naational Library Aruba Oranjestad is as follows:

Thursday, July 14, 21, 28,

and August 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

### The movie schedule for National Library Aruba San Nicolas:

Wednesday, July 13, 20, 27, and August 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

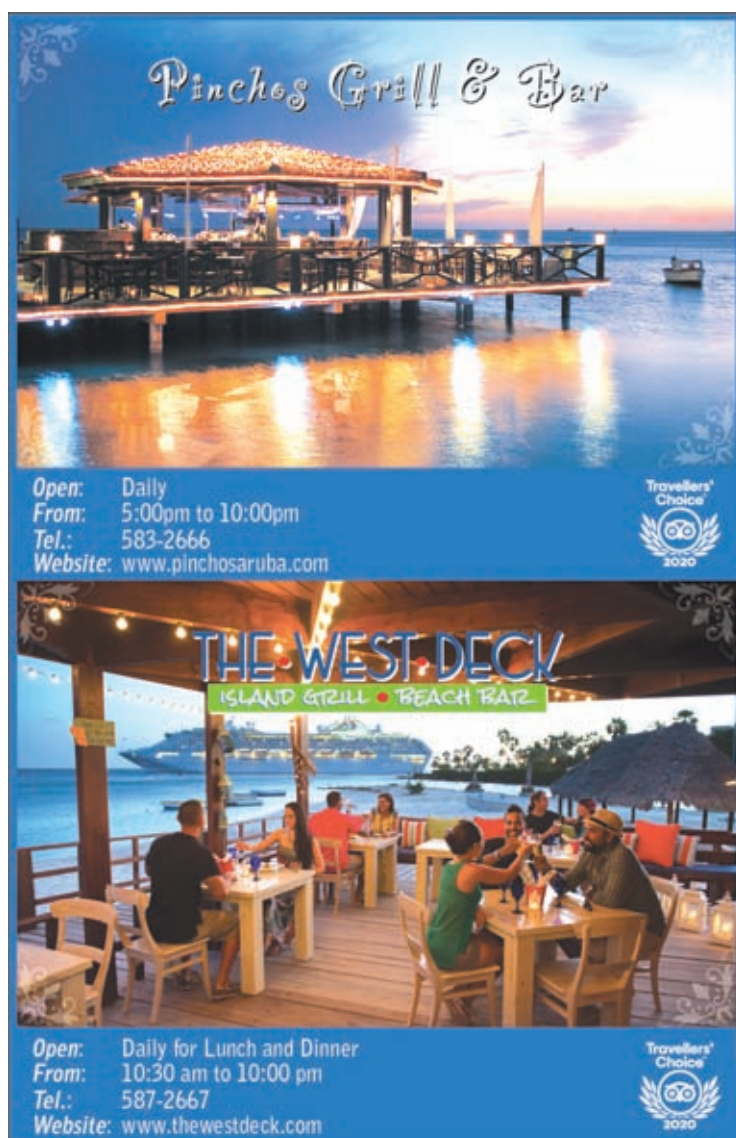
Learn how to write a story: "Learn how to become a writer" is a workshop for children which will take place from July 11 - 15, 2022, at the BNA in Oranjestad. The BNA in San Nicolas will hold this workshop from July 18 - 22, 2022.

The workshop is also free. For registration, you may call tel. no. 528 1500. More information is available in the 'Buki di Pret' that all the children received at school on page 22.

### Expo:

The BNA is facilitating the exposition of visual artist Anita Hugen in July. It showcases a series of selected photographs for the recently published 'Sacred Nature of Aruba: photo scraping shape, texture, form, and color'. This exposition starts on Thursday, July 7, at 6:00 pm and is open for one month. It is also free of charge.

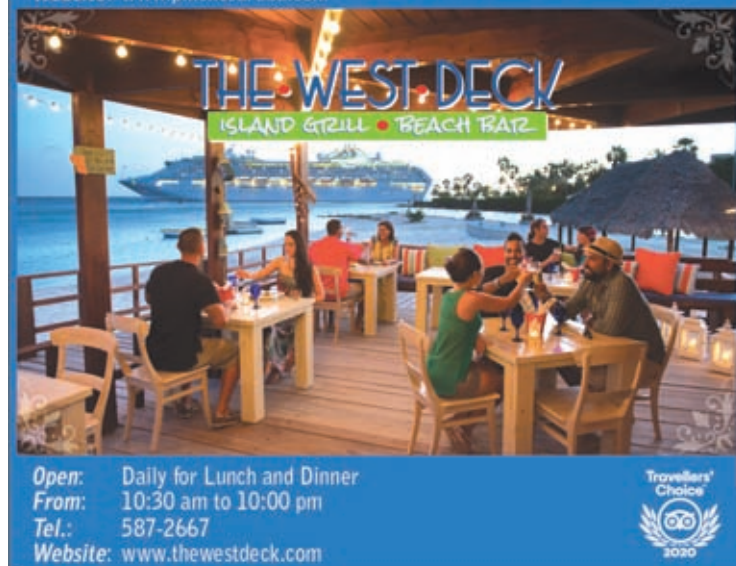
In addition to the summer activities, the BNA is open five days a week and offers a variety of children's books. For more information on our campaigns, like and follow @bibliotecanacionalaruba on Facebook. □



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## Harbour House Aruba officially open! 80 % sold, construction in final phase: Harbour House Aruba is ready for you!

**ORANJESTAD — 2021 was the official Grand Opening of Harbour House Aruba. The residence consisting of 94 units is located in the former Mar Azul building, right in the heart of Oranjestad. The two brothers Irwin J. Perret-Gentil and Alberto Perret-Gentil from PERING, one of the largest, privately-owned Real Estate and construction firms in Venezuela and Aruba, officially opened their new jewel in the presence of the invitees.**

Harbour House Aruba is the ultimate smart investment or personal living space. A state-of-the-art lobby, an ocean-view gym, bar service, rooftop with 360 degrees view of Oranjestad, on-site parking, 24-hours security and a top floor lounge area with Jacuzzi's. Cherry on the cake: an infinity pool with a panorama on the harbour.

Harbour House Aruba offers cosmopolitan living in a beach-chic environment. The residence is fast-selling their studios, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units for many reasons but in a nutshell we can name: great location, great value for your money and great quality. To see exactly what still is available you may check the website which shows you a map with sold and open units. Updates on construction are also on forehand. When you live abroad stopping by to check upon your purchase is not that simple, yet with the monthly updates on their website, it is a lot easier.

### Hottest condo in town

Aruba Today talked to one of the owners from New York: "This is going to be the hottest condo building on the is-

land because this is the very first thing people see when they arrive here by cruise ship and it is the only one combining the ocean, port and city. We feel so happy to be the owner here, also, the organization is amazing. We are being accommodated in every way, the attention you get is extraordinary."

### Boardwalk

Living here includes being part of Oranjestad and all its benefits. Around the Harbour House building a boardwalk is constructed allowing you to stroll along the waterfront and enjoy a drink on a terrace or dive into the art gallery, souvenir store or even have dinner facing the atmospheric harbour of Oranjestad. The process of purchase is easy, whether you are abroad or on the island. Make an appointment through the website to visit the sales office when you are here. In that way you can actually see the unit, materials and amenities. If you are not on the island the website can help you out and the sales office is happy to send you all needed documentation for you to orientate. When agreed upon the unit you sign an agreement and move forward with the down payment which is \$ 50.000. At receipt of that amount the sales is closed and the price will not change. You know what you get and will not be surprised by price changes. The payment agreements after the deposit will be discussed and are flexible. Harbour House Aruba assist also in financing by banks. □

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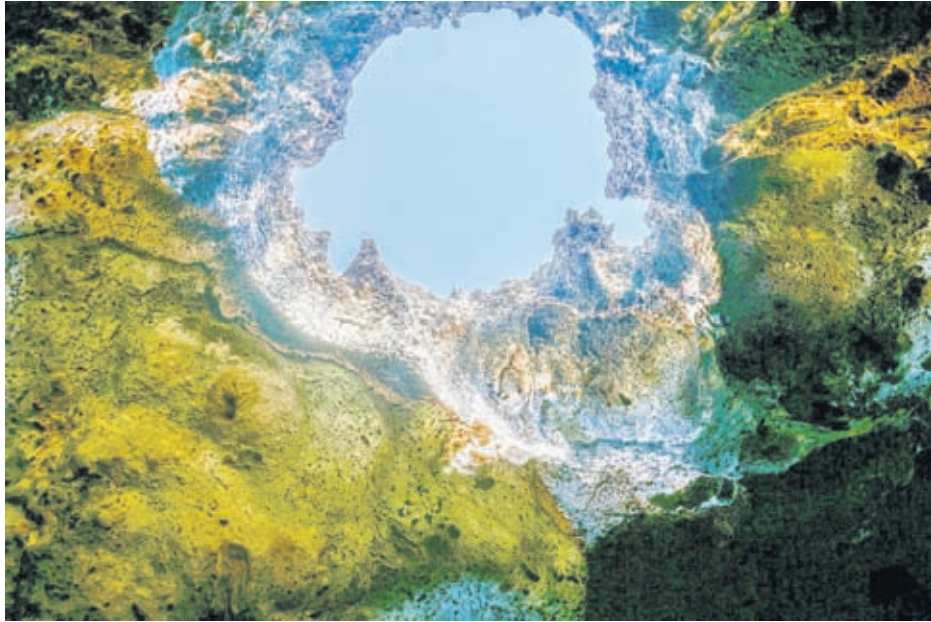
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## Today Is Going To Be A Good Day

Here's why: Aruba Today collected some things to do BEYOND the beach. Yes, we know. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.

### Nature Calls



The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. The guided tours are even free of charge. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In Total the park consists of 7907 acres protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whiptail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website [www.arubanationalpark.org](http://www.arubanationalpark.org)

### The Lighthouse



No, you would not think of this as a hidden gem. The California Lighthouse is actually one of the most known highlights in Aruba and many repeated guests most probably took the ride uphill already. But, there is a significant change to this tower. Since September 2016 you can climb the top. In 2015 Stichting Monumentenfonds started the restoration of the California Lighthouse. The project finished in September 2016 and the Lighthouse is now open for visitors to enjoy the beautiful view from the top. The construction of the California Lighthouse started in 1915. The name 'California' came from a vessel of the West India Company and

Pacific Steamship Co. called 'California' that shipwrecked in the area in 1891. Therefore they came up with the idea of building a lighthouse that could indicate the island's eastern tip to ships with its light. [www.aruba-lighthouse.com](http://www.aruba-lighthouse.com) will give you more information.

### Kayak in the Mangroves



MangelHalto at Savaneta is definitely a place not to miss out on. The beautiful beach with the natural mangroves is simply a beauty, but if you are into a more active way to enjoy the nature: take a kayak. While you are doing some workout -as it might get a little windy and rough-, you will see the island from a different perspective. You can even make a stop to do some snorkeling at the reef. Its fun, it's healthy and for sure something else. There are several companies that offer kayak tours.

## Aruba to Me

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## Carmen Tromp: “Plants and nature bring joy”

**Love for nature, be it for plants that give flowers or fruit, is what Carmen Tromp feels. Every day she makes sure to keep her backyard beautiful and full of life.**

Carmen Tromp, a retiree who welcomed our reporter with a smile on her face, to come into her house and share a pleasant moment, share with us that many years ago, when she bought her house, she wanted to have a backyard filled with nature.

Years later she expanded her property, and the yard started growing her plants, but some of them during the course of time died or got disease. “You have to check your plants so that they don’t become infested with ants, or eaten by iguanas. You have to be aware of them also”, she says.

From a young age, Tromp and her family grew up with plants and *cunucu* – small personal plantations. Now that she is a retiree, every morning that she has time she surveys her backyard to see what is good and what needs maintenance, so she can know where to give attention. She says that nature makes her happy.

Tromp explained that she gives her plants vitamins as well as the soil that they need to receive regularly, because there are some plants that need more attention, so she has to buy various tools to take care of them, as well as providing enough water.

During rainy days, Tromp

says she collects rain water in tubs, and she uses this because water in Aruba is very expensive. She says that during a dry month without rain, she can spend even 500 florins (around \$300) on water alone. She says her yard is a big investment of time and money, because she buys plants, but she also has to buy special bags of soil, pots and other items every month. “If I see a beautiful plant or pot, I buy it. You keep investing in your property, and in the end, same as with everything else, you have to invest first to receive pleasure and happiness later.”

Tromp also told us that she completed various courses during which she received basic information on how to take care of plants, and what kind of plants are good to grow on Aruba. She also met other people who share information with each other on social media, who exchange ideas. For example, on Facebook she is a member of the group ‘Pasa tempo den cura’ – spend time in your yard.

“This is how you get ideas. When I take plants out, I publish on Facebook to see if anyone is interested to pick them up, or sometimes there are people who bring plants too”, Tromp said.

A publication which gained attention was one in which she planted a dragon fruit. She commented that first time she got dragon fruit it was red inside, this is one of the variations of this fruit. She said she received some tips on how to care for the plant in order to get

more fruit from it. Dragon fruit is one of the fruits that she was most awaiting, because like she said, the price for this at the supermarket is very high, which is why she decided to grow it herself and have the fruit at home.

“I’m going to exchange and see if I can find the white (dragon fruit) and give the person the red one”, she said.

About which kind of plant she loves best, Tromp says: “I love both. I love flowers to look at, fruit and vegetables that I have like peppers or pumpkin that I share with family.”

Tromp says a lot of people could also try planting something at home. Before, a lot of people had a small patch at home where they would grow food, but now that tradition is slow. However, since the Covid-19 pandemic came about, some people decided to start growing food in their backyards again as a hobby, particularly during shelter in place.

In Aruba there is some fertile soil that according to Tromp, no one is doing anything with. “If we could form a sort of neighbors cooperative, and everyone puts a little money towards it, we could use it and have our own produce.”

Finally, our reporter noted that most of her yard is already full of different types of fruit, like mispel, sour sap, plum, papaya, dragon fruit, coconut, as well as vegetables like various peppers and pumpkins.





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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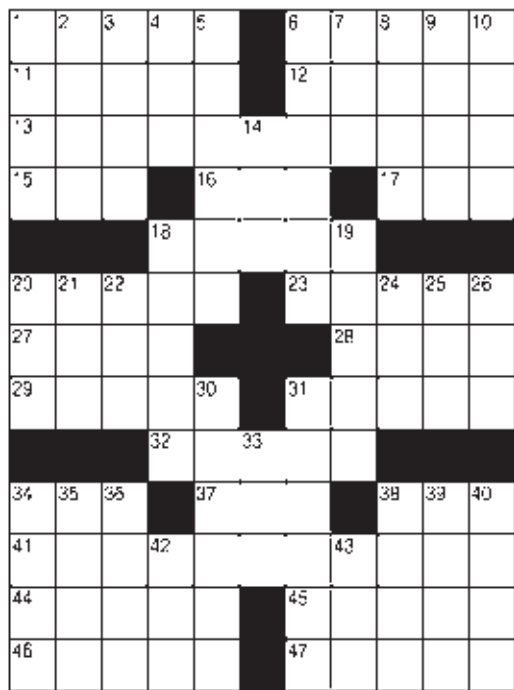
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7-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LIBERTY. WHEN IT BEGINS TO TAKE ROOT, IS A PLANT OF RAPID GROWTH. — GEORGE WASHINGTON

# Add rent to the rising costs bedeviling small businesses



Charleen Ferguson, left, poses for a photo with her husband Jay Ferguson in front of the building they own in Wylie, Texas, Friday, July 1, 2022.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The rent has come due for America's small businesses and at a very inopportune time. Landlords were lenient about rent payments during the first two years of the pandemic. Now, many are asking for back rent, and some are raising the current rent as well. Meanwhile, most of the government aid programs that helped small businesses get through the pandemic have ended while inflation has sharply pushed up the cost of supplies, shipping, and labor.

Martin Garcia, owner of gift and décor store Gramercy Gift Gallery in San Antonio, Texas, survived the first part of the pandemic in part by paying his landlord whatever rent he could each month. Then in August 2021, after the federal moratorium on evictions ended, his landlord asked for the full amount of back rent that he owed.

"I needed \$10,000 in 15 days," Garcia said. He took whatever loans he could find — often at high interest rates — and barely met the deadline.

A strong holiday season

helped him pay back his loans, but so far this year sales have slipped, and he used credit card financing to pay his June rent. Garcia thinks some of his customers are cutting back on non-essentials to afford to pay the higher prices for gasoline and other must-have items.

Thirty-three percent of all U.S. small businesses could not pay their May rent in full and on time, up from 28% in April, according to a survey from Alignable, a small business referral network. And 52% said rent has increased over the past six months.

"Many small businesses are still frankly recovering from whatever the last phase of COVID was," said Chuck Casto, head of corporate communications at Alignable. "Plus, they're dealing with a years' worth of increasing inflation on top of that. It's made it difficult for small businesses to really make a go of it."

Ris Lacoste owns a name-sake restaurant, Ris, in Washington, D.C., and is staying afloat using aid she got from the Restaurant Relief Fund to pay her rent. But

the money must be spent by March of 2023.

"What I have to do to stay alive after that, every single penny that I can save has to go into reserve," Lacoste said. To cut corners she's refinishing tables to cut down on linen costs, not printing color copies of menus, and working with 22 staffers instead of the 50 she once had.

Before the pandemic, the 7,000-square-foot restaurant was often full, but it isn't "back to full occupancy at all," Ris said. At the same time, inflation is compounding the cost of doing business.

"Payroll is up labor is up, the cost of goods is up, utilities are going up," Lacoste said. "I'm wearing 20 hats instead of 10, and working six days a week, 12 hours a day." But rent isn't something she can control, and that adds to the stress.

"You're working for the landlord, how long do you want to do that, how long will you survive?" she said. "It's not sustainable."

Data from the commercial real estate financing and advisory firm Marcus & Millichap shows rent rose 4.6% in the first quarter of 2022 compared with the year-ago quarter as the vacancy rate dropped to 6.5%, the lowest since before 2015. But Daniel Taub, national director of retail sales at Marcus & Millichap, said inflation will make it harder for landlords to impose rent increases as the consumer begins to feel squeezed.

"Consumers can only spend so much when the dollar goes not as far, and retailers can only pay so much to carry space and have enough inventory to pay employees," he said. "It's a tough retail market and something's going to have to give."

Charleen Ferguson owns the building that houses the tech business she owns with her husband, Just Call the I.T. Guy, in Wylie, Texas. She also has 13 tenants, so she sees the dilemma from both the small business and landlord points of view. □

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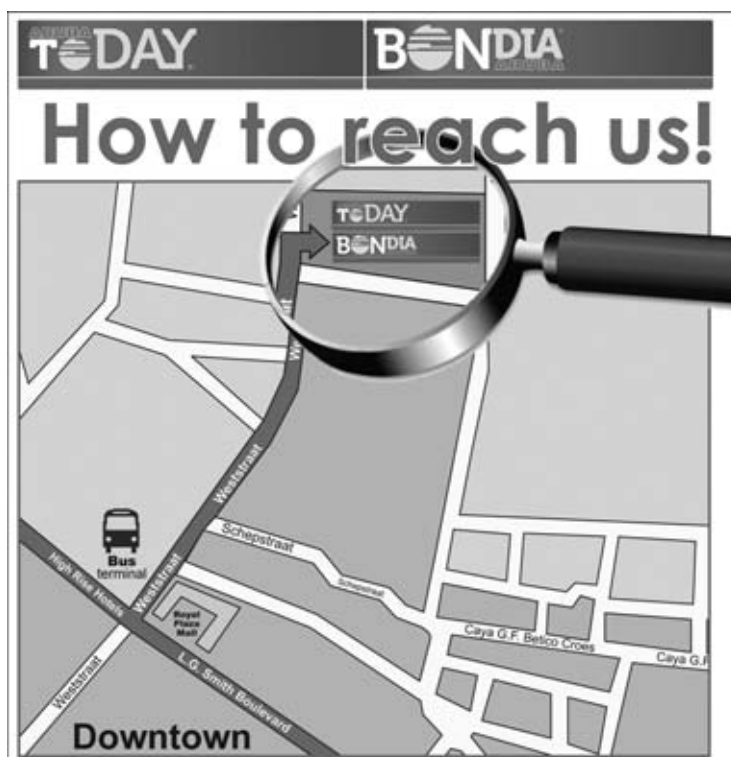
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# Austen-era schemes, dreams fill 'Mr. Malcolm's List'

By **JOCELYN NOVECK**  
AP National Writer

"It is a truth universally acknowledged," goes one of the more famous opening lines in English literature, "that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." That's Jane Austen, beginning her 1813 "Pride and Prejudice." Austen herself has nothing to do with "Mr. Malcolm's List," the clever, entertaining and delectably pretty new film starring Freida Pinto — but also everything. It's our collective thirst for such Regency-era "comedies of manners," examining the intense match-making activity of a certain level of British society, that has given rise to this, to TV's "Bridgerton," to the 2020 "Emma" adaptation with Anya Taylor-Joy, and other films too numerous to name.

Of course, you might ask, at a time of such turbulence in the world, what do 19th century upper-class romantic machinations have to do with, well, anything? To which we say: Whatever! Bring it on. Distract us with your lovely frocks flowing straight from the bosom, your exquisite bonnets with feathers, your real-estate porn in the countryside and your smart dinner-table repartee. We could do a



This image released by Bleecker Street shows **Sopo Dirisu, right, and Freida Pinto in a scene from "Mr. Malcolm's List."**

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lot worse.

There's one key element in which "Mr. Malcolm's List," a story of love, friendship and revenge served on a porcelain plate, diverges from previous Regency-era comedies (but aligns with "Bridgerton"): its diverse casting. Director Emma Holly Jones, working from a script (and novel) by Suzanne Allain, has said she was inspired by Broadway's "Hamilton," in which American history's famous characters are portrayed by a non-white cast.

Here, the cast is led by

British-Nigerian actor Sopo Dirisu as the titular Mr. Malcolm, Zawe Ashton as the scheming Julia, and Pinto as the noble Selina, who serves as a reluctant pawn in this triangular tale. All three are excellent, but Ashton is particularly mesmerizing — to be fair, she gets the meatiest role by far, and it's always better to play complicated than noble (though sometimes Julia veers dangerously into the downright mean). Supporting roles are ably filled, especially by an appealing Oliver Jackson-Cohen

in the best-friend role as Julia's cousin, and a ridiculously dashing Theo James as, well, a ridiculously dashing captain.

But let's talk marriage, shall we?

Because marriage is the only goal here — and everyone knows it, even the child versions of Julia and Selina, whom we meet at boarding school in a brief prelude. Selina, the daughter of a country vicar, notes that she has little means to offer an eventual husband. Julia, ever the pragmatist, promises she will find Se-

lina a mate — once her own marriage has been secured.

Sixteen years later, we're in 1818 London and Julia's on the hunt. She manages to wangle a date with wealthy Jeremy Malcolm, the town's most eligible bachelor. But at the opera, he tests her knowledge. She knows nothing about opera, nor can she answer his question about the Corn Laws. He yawns, a development noticed across the theater in a box, where other young ladies snipe that after four unsuccessful "seasons" in the marriage market, Julia really should step aside.

Things really get bad for Julia when an unflattering comic sketch, or caricature, circulates in the press — a sort of Regency-era social media diss — showing her being spurned by Jeremy. "I am ruined," she laments. She consults her cousin Cassidy, who's friends with Jeremy and lets on that the wealthy bachelor has an actual list of qualifications for an eventual bride. Ever more humiliated, Julia hatches a plan: She will groom a willing candidate to fit all Jeremy's qualifications, and then, once he's ready to propose, give the snobbish man a taste of his own medicine. □

# Mary J. Blige is next artist in Apple Music concert series



**Mary J. Blige arrives at the BET Awards on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.**

Associated Press

By **MARK KENNEDY**  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mary J. Blige's 2022 is going pret-

ty well. Her new album landed in the top 10 of Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart, and she was

featured at the Super Bowl halftime show. Now she's been tapped for a concert like no other.

Blige will host a one-night-only live performance to celebrate her life and music that will be available to stream exclusively on Apple Music in over 165 countries. The concert is set for July 27 at 10 p.m. EDT/7 p.m. PDT. "The last year of my career in particular has been an exciting ride," Blige said in a statement. "It feels amazing to take this opportunity to celebrate, reflect and have an intimate night with my fans through this platform Apple Music is providing me."

Blige's Apple Music Live concert will be held at New

York City's United Palace Theatre, in Manhattan's Washington Heights neighborhood. Fans in the greater New York region have the opportunity to register for free for a chance to be in the room when it happens.

The concert coincides with the 30th anniversary of her acclaimed debut album "What's the 411," and Apple Music Hits will devote the entire day to Blige, including exclusive programming, music, and interviews showcasing key moments from her career.

"What's the 411?" — with the songs "You Remind Me" and cover version of Rufus and Chaka Khan's "Sweet Thing" — has been named

among the 500 greatest albums of all time by Rolling Stone, reaching No. 271. The album is certified three times platinum, with over 3 million copies sold.

The digital concert series had its inaugural performance in May with Harry Styles spearheading the campaign, followed by a live performance by Lil Durk in June.

Blige's career includes eight multi-platinum albums, nine Grammy Awards, two Academy Award nominations, two Golden Globe nominations and a SAG nomination. Her latest album is "Good Morning Gorgeous" and she was seen this year on the small screen in "Power Book II: Ghost." □



# Quieter, calmer Kyrgios in Wimbledon quarters years later

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— Nick Kyrgios stepped into a nearly full Centre Court to polite applause at precisely 1:30 p.m. on Monday, exited about 3 1/2 hours later to a louder ovation and, somehow, the 100-year-old stadium survived the experience.

In the warmup period, Kyrgios flicked a ball between his legs and closed with an underarm serve, hardly standard procedure. During the 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-2 victory at Wimbledon over unseeded American Brandon Nakashima that followed, putting Kyrgios in a Grand Slam quarterfinal for the first time in 7 1/2 years, he tried those sorts of trick shots a few times. Afterward, he ditched his rule-conforming but backward, brim-bent white cap and white shoes in favor of red versions.

"Because," he explained when pressed about the sartorial choices, "I do what I want."

Yet, somehow, those seated in the Royal Box never turned their backs in protest. And, somehow, the grass-court tournament that dates to the 1880s did not grind to a halt.

Maybe that's simply because, in addition to smacking 35 aces and "ripping the ball from the baseline" — to use Nakashima's words — despite a shoulder that hurt so much he took painkilling pills and received repeated treatment from a trainer, Kyrgios displayed a much quieter, much calmer demeanor than the guy who earned fines of \$10,000 for spitting in the direction of a heckling spectator at the end of his first-round match and \$4,000 for an audible obscenity during his tempestuous win against No. 4 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas in the third round.

"I was able to just say, 'Wow, look how far I've come,' to myself. I was bouncing the ball before I served; I really just smiled to myself," said Kyrgios, owner of a tour-high 11 victories on grass this season. "I was like,



Australia's Nick Kyrgios receives treatment during a medical timeout as he plays Brandon Nakashima of the US in a men's singles fourth round match on day eight of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Monday, July 4, 2022.

Associated Press

"We're here, we're competing at Wimbledon, putting in a good performance mentally. It was rewarding." The unseeded Kyrgios, now 6-0 in five-setters at the All England Club, next faces unseeded Cristian Garin, a 26-year-old from Chile who saved a pair of match points and authored the fortnight's first comeback from two sets down to defeat No. 19 seed Alex de Minaur 2-6, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-6 (10-6) after more than 4 1/2 hours.

The other quarterfinal on their half of the draw will be 22-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal against No. 11 Taylor Fritz. Nadal got past No. 21 seed Botic van de Zandschulp 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (6), while Fritz, a 24-year-old American, earned his major quarterfinal debut with a 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 victory over qualifier Jason Kubler.

"Doesn't even seem real," said Fritz, who hasn't dropped a set in the tournament.

Kubler, who also is Australian, offered his take on Kyrgios.

"Every time I see him, he's smiling. Every time I'm around him, it seems like I'm laughing," Kubler said.

"So it's kind of weird when I read or see the comments about him, knowing him the way I do. He's just one of those people if you were to hang around him or spend any sort of quality time with him, you'd fall in love with him."

The women's quarterfinals established Monday are 2019 champion Simona Halep vs. No. 20 Amanda Anisimova, and No. 17 Elena Rybakina vs. unseeded Ajla Tomljanovic.

The combined nine seeds who will participate in the women's or men's quarterfinals is the lowest total at Wimbledon since 2000.

"I didn't really think I could do it," said Tomljanovic, who lost to eventual champion Ash Barty in last year's quarterfinals.

"After some tough moments this year, I thought: Am I ever going to get a chance again? I can't be-

lieve a year later, I'm in the same position."

For Kyrgios, never one to follow a conventional path, it's been a much longer road.

His two previous Slam quarterfinals came at age 19 — at Wimbledon in 2014 and the Australian Open in 2015.

The Aussie spoke about feeling like a veteran at 27, and his self-description Monday included "composed" and "mature."

Not terms generally associated with Kyrgios, but then again, as he told reporters at his news conference: "None of you really know me at all. Like, you don't hang out with me at all. You only kind of see what you see on the court. It's always been a bit of a roller coaster. So I understand how it's mixed reviews. ... People just love to just have an opinion."

Making the case that he's a changed man, Kyrgios thought back to a second-round loss to Nadal at Centre Court in 2019 and recalled: "My agent had to come get me out of a pub at 4 a.m. ... I've come a long way, that's for sure." Certainly since Saturday, at least, when he repeatedly argued with the chair umpire and a Grand Slam supervisor, and eliciting accusations from Tsitsipas of being a "bully" and having "a very evil side." It's the sort of ruckus Kyrgios has raised before, earning ejections and suspensions, and causing folks to wonder whether his enormous talent would ever carry him to the closing weekend of a major.

"Obviously," the 20-year-old Nakashima said, "you never really know what's going to happen with him out there." Nakashima evened things by taking the fourth set with a break, then went up 1-0 in the fifth. Kyrgios acknowledged handing over the fourth with an eye to disrupting his foe. Seemed to work: He earned five games in a row, before serving it out and closing this way from love-30: cross-court forehand passing winner; hanging on in an 11-stroke exchange until an admittedly fatigued Nakashima missed a backhand; 134 mph service winner; forehand volley winner.

When it was over, Kyrgios pounded his chest with his fist, shouted with a curse word mixed in and turned to his guest box — which included his girlfriend and his support team, whom he credits with helping him be a better person off the court, but not a full-time coach, because he doesn't have one.

"I need a glass of wine, for sure, tonight," Kyrgios told the crowd during his on-court interview. "For sure." □





# Red Sox win 8th straight on Fourth of July, beat Rays 4-0

By KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — Trevor Story hit a solo homer, Kutter Crawford pitched 5 1/3 innings of two-hit relief and the Boston Red Sox won their eighth straight Fourth of July game, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-0 on Monday.

Franchy Cordero added an RBI single for the Red Sox, who won their second straight game and improved to just 9-16 against AL East rivals.

With a handful of its players wearing long sleeves with stars and stripes on a warm, sunny day, Boston matched its franchise record for consecutive July 4 wins, accomplished from 1901-04 and 1936-39, when teams played double-headers.

Tampa Bay had its three-game winning streak halted and lost a road series opener for the eighth straight time. The Rays had just two hits, both singles.

Story put the Red Sox ahead in the fourth, driving a changeup from Josh Fleming (2-4) into the back of Boston's bullpen for his 13th homer.

Boston went with a bullpen game because scheduled starter Michael Wacha was scratched Sunday with what manager Alex Cora called dead arm. The Red Sox started Austin Davis for two hitless innings before using two more relievers.

Crawford (2-2) struck out eight and walked one and John Schreiber got five outs for third save.

The Red Sox added a run in the fifth when Christian Arroyo doubled leading off, advanced on a groundout and scored when Rafael Devers was credited with an infield hit after second baseman Isaac Paredes bobbled his grounder trying to make a backhand pickup. Fleming booted a comebacker with the bases loaded for a run before Cordero's single.

Fleming gave up four runs in five innings of relief.

**Hill wins stellar MLB debut, Tigers beat Guardians in Game 1**



Boston Red Sox's Trevor Story, right, is congratulated by Christian Arroyo (39) after hitting a solo home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Fenway Park, Monday, July 4, 2022, in Boston.

**DETROIT (AP)** — Garrett Hill won his major league debut by pitching six impressive innings, Miguel Cabrera delivered a two-run single and the Detroit Tigers beat the Cleveland Guardians 4-1 Monday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

The Guardians played third doubleheader in seven days and their seventh this season.

A 26th-round draft choice by the Tigers in 2018, Hill (1-0) allowed just two hits, including a home run by Josh Naylor. He struck out three and walked one.

Hill drew attention last year after pitching in the Arizona League Fall Stars Game. The 26-year-old right-hander was a combined 4-2 with a 3.23 ERA in a combined 15 starts at Triple-A and Double-A this season.

Back in 2005, another Tigers rookie pitcher also made his big league debut on the Fourth of July against Cleveland — that day, Justin Verlander took the loss. Tigers relievers Andrew Chafin, Michael Fulmer and Gregory Soto teamed for three hitless innings. Soto worked the ninth and picked up his 16th save,

walking two before retiring Owen Miller on a groundout.

The two hits matched the fewest for Cleveland batters this season (June 18 at the Dodgers) and fewest allowed by Detroit pitchers (June 1 against Minnesota). Jonathan Schoop, who entered the game hitting .191, had four singles in four at-bats and scored two runs. Cabrera's single in the first inning gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead and put him at 3,060 hits, tying Craig Biggio for 25th on the all-time list. His 1,831 RBIs tied him with Manny Ramirez. Cabrera has now hit safely in 10 games.

Cleveland starter Zach Plesac (2-6) went six innings and suffered the loss.

The Guardians' Myles Straw tried to score on Steve Kwan's third-inning single but didn't slide and was tagged out on by catcher Tyler Barnhart after a throw from left fielder Robbie Grossman. A replay overturned plate umpire Erich Bacchus' original safe call. Naylor hit his 11th homer, connecting in the fourth. Naylor walked in the seventh and exited because of back spasms. Miller pinch-ran for him.

Javier Báez hit an RBI single in the seventh and Tucker Barnhart singled home Schoop in the eighth.

**De La Cruz homers in 10th, Marlins beat Nationals again**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — After watching Jesús Aguilar and Jesús Sánchez hit late-inning home runs to win games for the Miami Marlins over the weekend, Bryan De La Cruz was happy to get a similar chance Monday.

He made the most of it. De La Cruz hit a two-run homer off the foul pole in the 10th inning to keep the Miami's domination of the Washington Nationals going with a 3-2 victory. "Just being able to do that with one swing, just put your team ahead, it's a wonderful feeling," he said through an interpreter. "It feels great just to do it for the whole team."

The Marlins won the rare 11:05 a.m. start by beating the Nationals for the 12th time in 13 games this year, including seven in a row. They extended their winning streak to five and moved two games back of .500 at nearly the halfway

point despite going 26-39 against everyone else.

"Essentially it seems that we've scored with these guys," manager Don Mattingly said. "We seemed to have getting the outs we need to and getting some big hits when we need to." De La Cruz became the latest Miami player to come up with a big hit during this run, after Sánchez hit a go-ahead two-run home run in the ninth Sunday and Aguilar homered and doubled Saturday. His fifth homer this season came off Tanner Rainey (1-3), who also gave up Sánchez's shot to right less than 24 hours earlier.

It was the first time De La Cruz homered in the ninth inning or later in his major league career.

Miami's Braxton Garrett cruised through seven innings on 61 pitches before things got away from him in the eighth. His first and only walk proved costly when Ehire Adrianza stole second and scored on Luis Garcia's RBI single that sent Garrett to the showers.

"I was just efficient early," Garrett said. "I was 0-1 a lot. And also our bullpen's a little taxed. Our late-game guys have gone I think it was three days in a row, and it was in the back of my mind to try and get a few more innings out just for the bullpen."

With top relievers Anthony Bass, Steven Okert and Tanner Scott unavailable after each pitching three days in a row, Mattingly pieced together eight outs with Zach Pop, Jimmy Yacabonis and Dylan Floro. Yacabonis (1-1) got the win after pitching a scoreless ninth, and Floro picked up his second save in as many days — his first two this season.

Washington's Patrick Corbin made quick work of the Marlins for much of his seven innings, scattering eight hits and striking out four with one walk. The only run he gave up came in the third, when Luke Williams reached on a bunt single, advanced on Billy Hamilton's sacrifice and scored on Jesús Aguilar's single. □